

Vermont News

A pig born on the farm of Orison Kenyon of Hinesburgh, has only one eye which is placed in the center of its forehead.

Work was begun Friday on a guard wall which will surround the grounds at the house of correction at Rutland. The wall, to be built of stone, will be faced with brick and be 16 feet high.

Nearly a thousand ladies and gentlemen met, one evening last week, in the Elliot Congregational church, Newton, Mass., to welcome their new pastor, Rev. William H. Davis, late of Detroit, Mich. Mr. Davis is a native of Chelsea, Vt., and has had a most successful ministry in Detroit.

A. J. Dodge, one of Lowell's most prominent citizens, was found dead in bed Monday morning. He had held all the town offices, was 15 years superintendent of schools, 40 years justice of the peace, was in the legislature of '59 and '60 and the special session of '61, was sheriff of Orleans county for two years, was director of the Vermont Mutual Fire Ins. Co., and for over 40 years the Lowell business manager of that company. His widow and two children survive.

There was considerable excitement at West Swanton last week when it was rumored that the fisherman on Moore's Point had got their seine caught on something which it was thought was a boat belonging to Hugh Donaldson, who disappeared rather mysteriously nearly four years ago. A crowd gathered, ice was cut, grapples, chains and ropes brought into use and after several hours of hard labor the boat was brought to the surface. It was loaded with stones and had a large hole punched through one side. Two pairs of oars were in the boat, showing that the deed was not done with a view to robbery.

Nellie Clark was before the Municipal court last Friday for shooting at Thompson Niles and Orville Noyes of Shattsbury. She claims she ordered them from her house and they would not go. She was committed to jail in default of \$500 bail. Before her arrest she fled the officers quite a chase and was finally found in the attic of the house, drawing herself up through a small hole. She recently served a term in jail for riding horseback through a part of Shattsbury and White Creek in a perfectly nude condition. Her home is in Boston and she is a dressmaker. She has been in several other scrapes before the last one.

G. E. Moody, representing a syndicate of capitalists in Waterbury who recently purchased the right of the Bolton falls water power, reported today that negotiations had been entered into with a large manufacturing firm in Manchester, N. H., which is contemplating moving its entire plant to Waterbury and utilizing the Bolton falls power. These falls are the largest and most easily available in Vermont, and enable a horse-power being computed at 1500 throughout the year. It is proposed to operate the plant at Woodbury by electricity generated at the falls, which would enable the village to acquire a much needed electric light and power system.

The Daughters of Vermont held their annual meeting in Hotel Vendome last week Thursday. Mrs. Oliver Crocker Stevens presiding. Several amendments to the constitution were adopted. Of the important of these the first, relating to membership, enables any woman born in Vermont, or having a residence there of three years, to become a member of the society. The annual election of officers will take place in March hereafter. Officers were elected as follows to serve until that time: President, Miss Helen M. Winslow; first vice president, Mrs. Albert E. Pillsbury; second vice president, Mrs. Hiram (Oreut), recording secretary, Mrs. Hiram M. Parker; corresponding secretary, Mrs. William A. Barton; treasurer, Mrs. Charles H. Greenleaf; executive committee, Mrs. Oliver Crocker Stevens, Mrs. Charles B. Bigelow and Mrs. Eugene H. Eaton. An informal reception to the newly elected officers closed the meeting.

W. B. Johnson of Essex Junction opened his house on the temperance plan last week Thursday. In conversation with a reporter he said: "I have opened my house and shall run it as before as a first-class hotel, second to none in the state. No bar will be kept and no liquors will be served in any manner to any person."

The Baptists have an honorable pride in the excellence of the annual conventions of the pastors, superintendents, teachers and members of their numerous and prosperous Sunday Schools. The programmes hitherto have been attractive and strong. At Newport, June 1, a new and possibly unique feature will be introduced. The hospitality of that generous church and people will be extended for a day in advance of the opening of the convention proper, and three sessions, commencing Monday evening, will be given to first-class recitals of a high grade of chorus and part songs, etc. The committee have contracted with the well-known Prof. Chas. E. Boyd, of Tremont Temple chorus and New England Chautauqua fame, to wield the baton. There will be, at least, piano and organ accompaniment. Newport being a musical center, any who will sing, will be welcome to the privileges of these rehearsals. The convention assemblies in the Opera House. Other features of the programme possess equal merit and strength. Prof. Henry T. Bailey, who wielded the crayon so effectively at the St. Johnsbury convention last October, has consented to give two addresses on blackboard illustration. In addition to the wonted proportion of home talent, Secretary Seward Robson, of Randolph, who has a newspaper man's "nose for news," will interview the local authorities from Canada to Massachusetts, and from the western boundary to the Connecticut, and make such a report, as only Pastor Robson knows how to make, upon the condition and needs of the field. Extended and pointed discussion will be aroused inevitably. Pastors Everett D. Burr of Ruggles street church, Boston, and Dr. Kerr H. Tupper, the new incumbent of the First church, Philadelphia, are other attractions.

A Priceless Diary.

It was kept by the Great-Grandfather of John G. P. Hicks of St. Johnsbury.

The Minneapolis Tribune of January 22 gives an interesting account of a diary kept by John Hicks, the first man killed in the Revolutionary War. John G. P. Hicks, bookkeeper for the Ely Hoe & Fork Co., is the son of the present owner of the diary, and therefore great-grandson to the revolutionary hero. Here is the story as first published in the Tribune:

There lives today in this city a grandson of John Hicks, the first man killed in the war of the revolution, and one of the first minute men awakened from his sleep by the warning given by Paul Revere on the night of the latter's famous ride. This grandson of John Hicks, George Pierce Hicks, lives with his son-in-law, Holman R. Drew, at Girard and Summit avenues, and is now in his 88th year, though still erect and in possession of all his faculties. The Tribune called on Mr. Hicks recently, and found him a very pleasant, white-haired old gentleman, who was pleased to give the reporter all the information he could. He produced a voluminous diary, kept by his mother, and which contained much information of value concerning the times immediately succeeding the great war. At one point in the diary the connection of Mr. Hicks' grandfather, John Hicks, with the incident of Paul Revere's ride is related. The Hicks of revolutionary times was one of the first of the minute men to be awakened by that famous messenger. With the others he sprang into his clothes, took up his gun and ran to guard the bridge at Lexington. He was the first man killed, and is none other than the person immortalized by Longfellow in his poem, "Paul Revere's Ride," thus:

"And one was safe and asleep in his bed,
Who at the bridge would be first to fall;
Who that day would be lying dead,
Pierced by a British musket ball."

Zacharia Hicks was a son of that John Hicks and uncle to the present George Hicks. At the time of the breaking out of the revolution he was just 18 years old. He, too, took up arms with the revolutionaries, and did valiant service for his country. He also fought at the famous battle of Lexington, where his father died. He was afterwards promoted to the position of marshal and entered Boston with Gen. Washington, when that great leader was escorted into that city in 1789.

The diary goes on to say that Zacharia Hicks was a warm personal friend of Paul Revere, and that he, together with such well known men as Oliver Johnson, Daniel Messenger, Peter MacIntosh, Samuel Perkins, James Phillips, Henry Peritt and Benjamin Russell founded the "Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics' Association" in 1795. This association elected Paul Revere as president, and Zacharia Hicks is described as being foremost among the members who participated in its triennial meetings until the time of his death.

An interesting historical note is made to the effect that Revere was a copper founder, and in the scaphopod, supplementary to the diary, is a reproduction of a newspaper cut made by Revere, representing the massacre of the patriots in Boston by the British soldiers in 1770. It is a very creditable piece of work—surprisingly so, when the incipient condition of the art of making newspaper cuts, at that time, is taken into consideration. George Hicks, himself, has had considerable military experience of an active kind. During the Indian outbreak at Fort Ridgely he was in the field, and to his own family he has related many of his experiences. His modesty prevented him from expatiating on them to his visitor, but the old gentleman is justly proud of the record of his ancestors in the great war of the revolution.

Vermont Farms and Forests.

When a farm is deserted it is common for the owner who does not live on the land to "skin" it awhile—to cut the grass and haul it off and use the field for pastures. In such cases the movements soon become pastures, and the pastures constantly tend to become forests. The stock which tends strongest to check forest growth by eating the leaves of young trees is sheep, but even where they are pastured evergreens or some deciduous growth with bitter leaves—cherry and the like—come in here and there, and once any kind of tree gets a foothold heavy forest is sure to follow.

The most common transition is from grass to briars, and thence to poplar and white birch and cherry, and finally to maple and beech and the heavy timber, each in turn killing out its predecessors as it rises above them.

The farms are abandoned, as the Herald has repeatedly said, mostly because they ought to be abandoned. In some cases the land is so steep and rocky that it ought never to have been cleared under any circumstances, and in others the change in doing farm work from hand to machinery leaves them at a disadvantage and unprofitable. There need be no tears shed about this matter, for all the time better methods are increasing the productiveness of the land which has better situation, and there is no reason why the state should not in a little time greatly increase its farm population.

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FOR NATURAL COLOR

lation with the relative wealth of farmers increased at the same time.

The idea of increasing forest in Vermont may be new to many people who visit the state, and indeed there is little in sight of the railroads to indicate the fact, but nobody can go through the hill towns and miss the thing. In some of them thousands of acres are now covered with light timber which were but a few years ago open pasture. Windham and Windsor counties will show this tendency strongly, as do the counties to the north, making due allowance for the more recent settlement. Lumbering on the mountain range has practically no effect on forest area, as there little but merchantable timber is cut and only rarely is the destruction complete and followed by cultivation.—[Rutland Herald.]

A Strange Suit.

According to the Pittsburg Journal, Peter Gruber, the Rattlesnake King of Venango county, has made the most unique costume any man ever wore. It consists of coat, vest, trousers, hat, shoes, and shirt, and is made entirely of the skins of rattlesnakes. Seven hundred snakes, all caught and skinned by Gruber during the past five years, provided the material for this novel costume. To preserve the brilliancy and the flexibility of the skins in the greatest possible degree, the snakes were skinned alive, first being made unconscious by chloroform. They were then tanned by a method peculiar to Gruber, and are as soft and elastic as woolen goods. The different articles for this outfit were made by Oil City tailors, shoemakers and hatters, and the costume is valued at \$1,000.—[Harper's Round Table.]

Interesting Statistics.

According to the New York Medical Record the 72 races inhabiting the world communicate with each other in 3004 different tongues, and confess to about 1000 religions. The number of men and women is very nearly equal. The average longevity of both sexes is only 38 years. About one-third of the population die before the age of 17. According to the most careful computation, only one person in 100,000 of both sexes attains the age of 100 years and only six to seven in 100 the age of 60. The total population of the earth is estimated at about 1,200,000,000 souls, of whom 32,214,000 die annually—i. e., an average of 98,848 a day, 4020 an hour, and 67 a minute. The annual number of births, on the other hand, is estimated at 36,792,000—i. e., an average 100,800 a day, 4200 an hour and 70 a minute.

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Mrs. D. G. BARNBY.

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Mr. C. A. Day, Supt. Wrought Iron Range Co., St. Louis, Mo.

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Yours respectfully,

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